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TOPPERS AND TAILS.

One of the blessed effects of the war was the ostracism of the silk hat.

For a while that ungainly and uncomfortable headpiece, maintained for generations, in spite of sense and art, as a sartorial badge of the "gentleman" and an invidious distinction between upper and nether classes, almost disappeared even in the world's capitals of style. There was a wave of democracy, expressing itself in clothes as in other matters. Then, too, so many erstwhile wearers of the "topper" and its accompaniments were in military uniform, that civilians were rather ashamed to be seen in anything not indicative of democratic simplicity. Thus British statesmen, even the premier himself, took to slouch hats or "bowlers." The wholesome influence was naturally felt in America, where general sentiment has always been rather contemptuous of the "silk lid."

But now, alas! "The silk hat," says a London dispatch, "the hat which in days gone by was the conventional and inevitable headgear of the business man of any standing, is creeping back." And so sartorial aristocracy, which is so righteously hated by hot polloi because it is so false an index to merit, will probably reassert itself again, in remote villages the world around even as in Flaccidilly.

There is one note of hope, though. Another of the revolts against pre-war conventions is said to hold out well. The "dress coat" is not so imperative as of yore. "Dinner coats actually have been seen at social functions in such exclusive places as Londonderry House." Of course, our leading citizens in American communities seldom find even the abbreviated "dinner coat" essential to their prandial self-respect. The plain sack coat does well enough for the average American, and the majority of our fellow-citizens are probably in the habit of sitting down to dinner with no coats at all. Still, there is satisfaction in the knowledge that if a male person must dress up to dine, he can fare forth without the embarrassment of dangling tails.

THE MANDATE FOR PALESTINE.

The League of Nations is already inaugurated, in accordance with the provisions of the peace treaty, but not fully organized. When organization is completed, it is expected that one of its first steps will be to give Great Britain a mandate for Palestine. This will be a natural move, inasmuch as Britain took the Holy Land from the Turks, and is willing to administer it, and seems to have an informal understanding with the Zionists who plan to make it a Jewish state.

The Jews in this movement say they are ready to enter on their big task as soon as the opportunity is offered. According to Dr. Max Nordau, they will go to the mandatory power and outline the conditions on which they ask to be allowed to set up a Jewish colony, which will eventually become an independent member of the League of Nations. The Jews say they will be prepared to play whatever part is necessary, and expect to prove their ability to defend themselves by armed force as well as to handle the economic and racial problems involved.

The British mandate, if this policy is followed, will be much like the American occupation of Cuba after the Spanish war. The British government will take care of the new state in its infancy, and then, as soon as it proves its ability to stand on its own feet, give it full self-government and usher it into membership in the League of Nations.

This would be a policy particularly pleasing to Americans. There would be nothing remarkable about it, either, if the League covenant is to be taken at its face value. Our magnanimous treatment of Cuba was unprecedented, but the world has moved since then. Back of the whole mandatory system set up in the peace treaty is the theory that every mandate means unselfish service and renunciation by the mandatory power sooner or later.

ALMOST AMERICAN.

A girl of foreign birth, who has been in this country for some years, had planned to return to her homeland directly after the close of the war. Her mistress, having heard nothing recently of her plans, asked when she was going. "I don't know if I go," was the answer. "I find out if I go back. I got to stay for five years. I don't know if I want to stay so long away from this country. I guess I wait."

Here is a fertile field for Americanization. America already has a hold upon the heart and imagination of this girl. Under proper guidance and with a fair helping hand extended to her she can be made all American, and become an important influence in the Americanization of many of her people.

The same feeling of half-allegiance is at work in the breasts of most of our alien population. In spite of hardship and disappointments and mental positions they feel the charm of this country tugging at

their hearts, they know that the thing they want is here. It would require only the turning of a hair to make this their homeland, beloved and loyally served.

Many obstacles will present themselves from now on to the foreigner planning to return to his mother country. He more than half prefers to stay here as it is. This is America's opportunity. Her alien problem is largely of her own making. Here, in the words of an ignorant young girl, is the sign from heaven. The weak become the vicious through neglect alone. Despised and rejected, the alien is a menace; welcomed and encouraged, he will become a healthy and vigorous part of American national life.

THOSE HEALTHY GIRLS.

Once more a respected member of the medical fraternity has risen to declare that the dress of the modern female does not render her unduly susceptible to disease. In this latest case it is a French doctor of note who champions the dress short at both ends. This doctor says that the more scanty covering of the body is an aid to its aeration, tends to a better functioning of the skin and acts as a stimulant to the nervous system.

As a matter of fact, the dress of the modern young woman probably has little to do with her health or lack of it. It is not a question of the dress but of the girl who wears it. The average young woman of today is a healthy young animal. She is healthy because she is active, athletic, interested in a thousand things which keep her mind off herself and leave her little time or inclination for illness.

Women may lack modesty in dress, but never in all history were so many of them interested in athletic and out-door sports, or familiar with the proper care of the body and the simple rules of diet.

The dress reformers will have to find some other platform than ill health upon which to stage their attack on modern feminine attire. The world is full of fine, strong, healthy girls in short skirts and low necks. If the morals of the world can't stand the low necks and the short skirts, it is the morals of the world which are unhealthy; the girls are all to the good.

UP-TO-DATE GEOGRAPHY.

Geography, taught as a college course and as a social science, is a popular subject at the University of Wisconsin. Formerly geography meant the study of physiography, meteorology, climatology, mapping and cartography. Today, it has divided itself into economic, historical and political geography.

The purpose of this new attitude toward an old subject is to train well-informed, broad-minded, cosmopolitan men, giving them a basis for understanding international affairs and world movements. History is supposed to do this, but frequently only one period is covered; and rarely does the teaching reach present-day history.

It is undoubtedly true that geography is closely allied with historical development. It is also true that mountains, rivers, plains and other geographical features have had definite influence on the territorial expansion of nations. Indirectly geography must also have a bearing on the political, economic and industrial development of countries.

Thus a course in geography, designed for students of college grade, does well to include an outline of the economic policies of nations, the development of boundary lines and new nations, the geographical aspects of politics, international movements, and the distribution of races. Agricultural geography explains the relationship between farming and national development, commercial geography the relationship between nations.

That the subject is appealing to young men and women is shown in the fact that 1,200 students have enrolled in such courses at the university this year, doubling the enrollment of the last year preceding the war.

Why be worried by an Englishman's prophecy that prohibition will cause "unrest"? Haven't our own prophets always preached that unrest was good for us, and the chief cause of American progressiveness?

The divorced wife of the champion pugilist is said to have been in seclusion since she made "slacker" accusations against him. Well, Jack certainly does swing a hefty fist.

Anyway the poultry population has been reconstructed, and the hens are busy speeding up production.

From Lord Grey's letter on the peace treaty, we take it that England accepts the senate's reservations—with reservations.

Now the scientists say that light has weight. Light weight, of course.

Other Editors Than Ours

AN IMPUDENT "AMBASSADOR."
(Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.)

The impudence and the admissions of Ludwig Martens the mock ambassador of bolshevistic Russia to this country when before the senate committee Friday ought not to be passed without some action. Nothing could be more impudent than his refusal to answer questions on the ground of diplomatic immunity. That would hold were Martens the Russian ambassador to this country. He is not. Another was long ago recognized as such and is in possession of the Russian embassy and its archives. Martens has never been recognized and it is to be hoped that he never will be. Such being the case he is nothing more in the eyes of our government than a bolshevist from Russia, a private citizen. But he made some very interesting and significant admissions. It is worth while to know that three-quarters of a million dollars have been sent to Martens in America from Lenine and Trotsky in Moscow. It is gratifying to learn that Moscow is having serious difficulty in communicating with us. Out of 20 messengers started for America by Lenine it appears that but seven reached their destination. Martens tells us that several were shot summarily in Finland and he refers to the killing with the blasé air of the representative of a regime that kills and eats a baby every day for breakfast.

And he makes another very interesting confession—that he has let a number of contracts for supplies in this country with the thought that the American business men who received the contracts will consider themselves bribed by the bolsheviks to use their influence to force our government to recognize bolshevism. This is most significant just now with a number of American business men pressing Washington to permit the resumption of trade with Russia. Just why this person is allowed to remain in America is a mystery.

The Tower of Babel

—BY BILL ARMSTRONG—

AN UNUSUAL INCIDENT!

There was a banquet held in New York the other night, and only seven of the speakers announced their candidacy for president.

A lotta other folks probably wish the general public would take just as much interest in having their pay raised, as they do the teachers.

The papers are beginning to print pictures again that should be prohibited because they frighten children—the photographs of the various German war lords, who the allies want to try for their misdeeds during the war.

PA PERKINS
SEZ.

Wouldn't mind bein' in court the day von Hindenburg comes in, and sez:—"Good morning judge."



FUNNY THINGS YOU SEE.

In the always popular News-Times Friday, there appeared a story about George Kurtz, Dud Shively and Judge Gilmer filing an ouster suit against a South Bend resident, and the headline read, "Attorney General is Out for the Presidency."

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Charley Dolph, the ace of the South Bend loafers, who is stalling at present in Phoenix, Ariz., writes that Fred Hart sends his regards to all the boys, and Charley wants to know all the latest dope on Kid Joe Grand Leader. Nels Jones, Jazz Platner and the Jewish quartet of

the Kiwanis club. Will all the above mentioned boys kindly write Charley at the first opportunity?

Ari MacDonald's famous coodle hound, Goof, has been returned right side up with care and was immediately measured for a 45 cent steak on showing up again safe and sound.

Anyone could run a bank with the amount of white hair Gene Miller packs around on his dome.

The sweetest words in the language—"Predict Better Car Service on All Lines," sez News-Times headlines.

A RUBBER COLLAR DEVOTEE. Joe Scheininger tells us about a fellow, who went into a local store and purchased the following articles to wit:—an \$8 silk shirt; a \$4 knit tie and last and also least, a cello:1 collar.

FOUR TEMPERANCE DRINKS AND HOW TO MIX THEM.

Prohibition Punch. To a quart of water add some cracked ice. Let it stand in the rain over night, then put away until 1920.

Kaiser Cocktail. Take a big piece of cheese, a lobster, a lemon and a bad egg. Beat it up and lit it fizzle. Serve with a summons.

Scotch Toddy. Dissolve three quarts of oatmeal in a pint of heather-dew. Strain through an old pair of kilts and serve in a Glengarry bonnet.

Bolshevik Cocktail. Pour a lot of nuts into a red glass half full of Tabasco sauce. Stir with a stick of dynamite, garnish with poison ivy and stand against a brick wall.

More Truth Than Poetry

By James J. Montague

COMPENSATION AS VIEWED BY A MARINE.

Stationing marines in localities still outside the dry zone has made a big increase in re-enlistments.

They don't cotton to us Yankees down in Hayti. If you go to spend your liberty ashore, you had better take along a husky matey.

Or you'll finish (as the French say) a la more. But when once you've fought your way across the plaza,

An' the exercise has got you kinda het, And you want to say, "Here's hop-in!" there'll be some Bodega open. For the Demon ain't been chased from Hayti—yet!

It is mighty dull around the China station.

You will soon get awful weary of the sights, And it ain't a very prudent occupation

To go battin' 'round the beach on darkish nights.

But when in the shade it's ninety or a hundred—

Which will happen every now and then—

An' it keeps on gettin' hotter, an' you do not care for water.

There's a chance to get a drink, or eight or ten.

I don't hanker for a home in Dutch

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This also applies to our retail lines of robes, blankets, steamer rugs, whips, etc., which will be carried the same as in the past. At the present time we have some very attractive bargains in wagons, harness, dump boxes, robes, chicken feeds and supplies.